St. Basil the Great
Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9 to Noon & 1 to 5:00

Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава на віки!
Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests
who have come to join us to offer praise to God.

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SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Act (11:19-26, 29-30)

John (4:5-42)

CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:
7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)
9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)
SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
7:00 am – bilingual (Church)
6:30 pm – rosary
7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)
SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
Rosary said half hour before each liturgy
9:00 am – Ukrainian (livestreamed)
11:00 am – English (livestreamed)
7:00 pm – bilingual

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:
https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Superior & Pastor
Fr. Thomas Kobak, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Ireneus Prystajecky, OSBM
Assistant Pastor

BASILIANS AT YOUVILLE HOME:
Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM

CONFESSIONS:
Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy or by appointment during the week

MARRIAGES:
By appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements with a priest

ST. BASIL'S CULTURAL CENTRE:
Phone: 780-434-4288
ADDRESS: 10819 71 AVE. NW
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Website: www.sbccedmonton.ca

SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE:
Phone: 780-435-4441
Sr. Zoe Bernatsky, SSMI
Sr. Veronica Bartkiw, SSMI

"CELO VESNIVKA"
Phone: 780-436-2745

CHURCH SERVICES & MEETINGS THIS WEEK

9:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/3ETHVpJODpU?si=pf1EK2_LS_UJHzcb
11:00 am – https://www.youtube.com/live/-nG681-iHUw?si=nSgZX7-l7zgBBgYo

Sunday, May 18:	**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.). 8:00 am – Matins 11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.) 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		
Monday, May 19:	**Victoria Day**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 7:00 pm – Moleben		
Tuesday, May 20:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 7:00 pm – Moleben		
Wednesday, May 21:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 6:30 pm – Fatima Rosary 7:00 pm – Moleben		
Thursday, May 22:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 7:00 pm – Moleben		
Friday, May 23:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 6:30 am – Matins 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy in chapel 6:30 pm – Altar Boys' Meeting in Church 7:00 pm – Moleben		
Saturday, May 24:		**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		
Sunday, May 25:	**Sunday of the Man Born Blind**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy 9:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.). 8:00 am – Matins 11:00 am – Divine Liturgy (Eng.) 7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.–Fri. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Papal Prayer Intention for May – For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Pro-life Prayer Intention for May 18, 2025

Our Blessed Lord tells us, "This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." Let our love express itself in concrete actions of visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

Medjugorje Message, September 2, 2008

"Dear children, Today, with my motherly heart, I call you gathered around me to love your neighbor. My children, stop. Look in the eyes of your brother and see Jesus, my Son. If you see joy, rejoice with him. If there is pain in the eyes of your brother, with your tenderness and goodness, cast it away, because without love you are lost. Only love is effective; it works miracles. Love will give you unity in my Son and the victory of my heart. Therefore, my children, love."

Remembering our Sick:

We ask that you continue to keep in your prayers those who are sick in our parish of St. Basil the Great, especially for:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Trudy Kokotilo; Julian Warawa; Saul Sych; Joseph Bayduza; Olga Prosky; Ray Holyk; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Marno Sekora; Carol Draganiuk; Adeline Ostry; Rose Sawchyn; Gus Fagnan; Hope Martynuik; Chris Fernandez; Kay Sawka; Mykhailo Starynski; Carol Maksymec; Olga Farion; Olga Solar, Marie B.; Joe Kurylo; Rochelle Ponich; Norman Lux; Will Klien-Gebbinck; Josephine Dawson; Eugene & Sylvia Lozinsky; Bohdan; Donna Yarmuch; Gordon Buzinsky; Larry Z; Jimmie Yeremiy; Stanley & Pauline Skubleny; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

If you know someone from the parish who is sick, please let us know, or contact the office so that we can all pray for him/her. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: ***If you need the names of the sick to be reinstated in the bulletin for June 2025, you will have to either call the office or email us your request.***

Congratulations and God's Blessings upon:

- Alexandra Melnyk, daughter of Vadym Melnyk and Olha Karpenko, baptized & confirmed April 26, 2025; St. Basil's Parish.
- Emmie Rita Scragg daughter of Mark Scragg and Karly Achtymichuk baptized & confirmed April 27, 2025; St. Basil's Parish.

Sincerest Condolences are extended to:

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of **†Jon Culley** and **†Mary Anne Gulayets** who have recently passed away. We pray for God's grace and peace during the days and weeks ahead. May God grant them Eternal Memory! Вічная Пам'ять!

Parish Religious Store

We are planning on having a store selling religious articles. We are looking for two volunteers to organize and run the store. If interested, do get in touch with the Parish Office for more information.

STEWARDSHIP

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

— Winston Churchill

Sunday Donations for May 11, 2025

Sunday Offerings	$3,335.00
E-Transfers	$775.00

Thanks for your giving of time, talent and treasure.

E-Transfer Donation Option Available –

Options are available for donating by E-Transfer. The email for E-Transfers is donationstbasilchurch@gmail.com. If you have any questions or problems, please call the office at 780-434-8010.

RENOVATION FUNDING APPEAL

The Church Renovation Project is complete. As previously indicated the total cost was approximately $2,037,000. Significant funding for the project in the amount of $1,800,000 was provided by a loan from the Order of St. Basil The Great. With the generosity of our Parishioners, we have to date collected approximately $1,360,000.00 and as of this month we have returned $1,100,000.00 toward the outstanding loan.

We thank all the Parishioners, organizations and everyone involved with fundraising for their hard work. We ask and encourage you, as your financial situation permits to consider further donations to help repay the loan and to continue to do so for the future upkeep of the Church. Blessings upon all of you.

"Let the little children come to me"

St. Basil Parish
Children's Catechism Classes Resume

Kindergarten – Grade 6 from 10:30 am to noon on:

Class on Mary – May 31

On Peter & Paul – June 28

For more information contact the Parish Office at 780 434 8010

St. Basil's Youth Group:

The Upper Room – Where prayer, formation, fun, and mission unite.
For more details: Contact Della Ugot2pray@live.ca, Fr. Gabriel, or Fr. Thomas

Session 3: Date to be announced. Fun activities to follow.
Come and check us out. Invite a friend or two.

First Confession & First Solemn Holy Communion Dates 2025

Dates for First Confession and First Solemn Communion preparation:

May 25 – Lesson 8 – (Holy Eucharist, Iconastas, other things we see in Church)

June 01 – Lesson 9 – (The Liturgy: Proskomedia, Preparation of the Gifts and Liturgy of the Catechumens

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– Lesson 10 (Divine Liturgy continued Liturgy of the Faithful, Creed, receiving communion, practise) (Fathers' Day

June 14 – First Confession and practice for Sunday
June 15 – First Solemn Communion

SAVE THE DATE

Retreat Hosted by the UCWLC St. Basil Branch
Everyone Welcome!

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2025
Time: 8:30 am – 2 pm
Location: St. Basil's Cultural Centre
Cost: $30.00 per person/lunch included

Registration will be open Saturday, April 19, 2025
Online Registration Link: https://forms.gle/KnSM9J35AduvefXG9

Retreat Master: Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM Superior & Pastor

Theme: Abide in Jesus' Heart – The Path of Joy and Peace

1. A Heart is Created: God, Creation and Me
2. What's in my Heart? Awareness and Emotion
3. A Visit to the Heart Doctor: Healing and Forgiveness

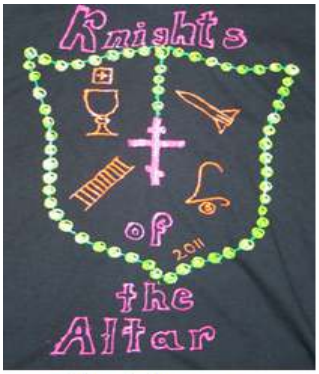
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton Altar Boy Camp
August 4th to August 9th, 2025

Camp St. Basils @ Pigeon Lake, AB

The Altar Boys of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton serve an integral part in our church celebrations and again are given an opportunity to attend the Annual Altar Boy Camp to learn more about their church, faith, and each other. The camp will offer spiritual, cultural, recreational activities and great food!

WHO IS INVITED TO ATTEND?

- ❖ All active Altar Boys of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy 7 years and older
- ❖ Boys of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy wishing to become active Altar Boys and who have not had an opportunity to learn to serve.



Please bring a rosary

CAMP DATES

Monday, August 4th, 2025
- ❖ Camp Registration: 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Supper for Altar Boys and Staff: 6:00 p.m.

August 5th – August 8th, 2025
- ❖ Daily Program Activities: Liturgy, Religious Instruction, Sports/Waterfront Activities, and Crafts

Saturday, August 9th, 2025
- ❖ 10:30 a.m. Liturgy for campers, parents, and staff
- ❖ Closing of Camp and pick-up of campers by 12 noon.

CAMP INFORMATION

Spiritual Director: Father Thomas Kobak, OSBM fr.kobak@eeparchy.com
Telephone: (780) 434 8010

General Information: Ken Stelmach kenstelmach@hotmail.com

REGISTRATION

https://form.jotform.com/251177942711256

$400.00 per Altar Boy camper

Camp St. Basil & Camp Oselia:
Calling All Young Adults!

This summer marks an exciting new chapter, as Camp Oselia and Camp St. Basil's have merged into one incredible experience: Camp St. Basil-Oselia! While the name and location may be new for some, the heart of camp remains the same—faith-filled fun and unforgettable memories.

We need counselors! Camp is not possible without volunteers like you. Please consider giving some of your time to support our campers.

Volunteers aged 18+ are eligible to receive a $250/week honorarium.
Interested or want to learn more?

Contact Izzy or Jacob at: oselia.stbasil@eeparchy.com

Children of Mary and Sodality - Crowning of Mary

Children of Mary and Sodality will be honoring our Blessed Mother with a Crowning of Mary Procession in conjunction with the Moleben Service on Friday, May 23 at 7pm. Children of Mary and Sodality Families are asked to meet in the Choir loft (by the closets) at 6:30pm.
All families with children are welcome to attend and participate! For more information please contact Michelle: michellestel@gmail.com or 780-999-2987 or contact the Parish Office.

Altar Boys

The St. Basil's Altar Boys will be having our next meeting on Friday, May 23 at the church. We will meet in the Altar Boy room at 6:30pm, participate in the 7pm Moleben then wrap-up with some snacks.

If you have a son or grandson, or know of a young boy who is in Grade 2 or older, who would be interested in serving at the altar, please forward to them. Contact Ken Stelmach at kenstelmach@hotmail.com or 780-266-1413 for more information

St. Basil's Celo Vesnivka Senior Citizens Residence Society

10825-70 Ave, Edmonton will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7:45pm on Wednesday May 21, 2025 at the Celo Vesnivka Common Area. Parishioners are welcome to attend. Refreshments served.

Attention all current and interested volunteers at St. Basils Cultural Centre. On Sat June 7 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm we ask all volunteers to attend a mandatory information session. Please contact Grace at 780-465-5999 to register by June 2.

Please volunteer your time and talents at St. Basils Cultural Centre. We may also offer community hours for students. Here are upcoming events:

May 23 – St Brendan's Gr.9 Farewell,

May 24 – UCWLC retreat,

May 29 – Cross Cancer Volunteers banquet

May 31 – CSU 52 banquet.

For more information contact Grace at 780-465-5999.

Fr. Hannas Council Knights of Columbus
"May For Mothers" Support Drive
Accepting items

- *Toiletries for Moms: shampoo, soap, personal hygiene items, breast feeding covers*
- *Baby items: Diapers (all sizes), wipes, socks, booties, baby bottles, baby blankets, toiletries (lotions, rash ointments, baby comb & brush, etc.)*

Please bring your New Items donations to Church and leave them in the Red Donation Box provided till June 1, 2025

(In support of the Pregnancy Support
At the Gianna Centre)

God Bless and Many thanks for your generous support

Pancake Breakfast and Awards

- Scholarships
- Knight of the Year
- Family of the Year

Sunday June 1, 2025

At St. Basil's Cultural Centre

after the 11:00 am Liturgy

(Breakfast 12:00 noon)

Great menu, great friendship and visiting time

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good will offering...

Everyone Welcome

Sponsored by Fr. Hannas Council 10519

Knights of Columbus

MAY – THE MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY

Dear parishioners:

I invite you to pray to the Mother of God in the month of May! From Monday to Friday at 7:00PM we will pray a Moleben to the Blessed Virgin Mary for our St. Basil's Parish, your families, children, youth, the sick and the suffering.

Above all, we will also pray this prayer for an end to the war in Ukraine.

Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Superior/Pastor

Дорогі парафіяни, запрошую вас на молитву до Пресвятої Богородиці у місяці травні! Кожного дня від Понеділка до П'ятниці о 19:00 будемо молитися Молебень до Пречистої Діви Марії за нашу Святого Василія Парафію, ваші родини, дітей, молодь, хворих та терплячих.
Понад усе також будемо молитися цей молебень на припинення війни в Україні.

о. Гавриїл Габер ЧСВВ
Ігумен/Парох

Samaritan woman

One of the most ancient cities of the Promised Land was Shechem, also called Sikima, located at the foot of Mount Gerazim. There the Israelites had heard the blessings in the days of Moses and Jesus of Navi. Near to this town, Jacob, who had come from Mesopotamia in the nineteenth century before Christ, bought a piece of land where there was a well. This well, preserved even until the time of Christ, was known as Jacob's Well. Later, before he died in Egypt, he left that piece of land as a special inheritance to his son Joseph (Gen. 49:22). This town, before it was taken into possession by Samaria, was also the leading city of the kingdom of the ten tribes. In the time of the Romans it was called Neapolis, and at present Nablus. It was the first city in Canaan visited by the Patriarch Abraham. Here also, Jesus of Navi (Joshua) addressed the tribes of Israel for the last time. Almost three hundred years later, all Israel assembled there to make Roboam (Rehoboam) king.

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat, and He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her, many other Samaritans also believed.

Concerning the Samaritans we know the following: In the year 721 before Christ, Salmanasar (Shalmaneser), King of the Assyrians, took the ten tribes of the kingdom of Israel into captivity, and relocated all these people to Babylon and the land of the Medes. From there he gathered various nations and sent them to Samaria. These nations had been idolaters from before. Although they were later instructed in the Jewish faith and believed in the one God, they worshipped the idols also.

Furthermore, they accepted only the Pentateuch of Moses, and rejected the other books of Holy Scripture. Nonetheless, they thought themselves to be descendants of Abraham and Jacob. Therefore, the pious Jews named these Judaizing and idolatrous peoples Samaritans, since they lived in Samaria, the former leading city of the Israelites, as well as in the other towns thereabout. The Jews rejected them as heathen and foreigners, and had no communion with them at all, as the Samaritan woman observed, "the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans" (John 4:9). Therefore, the name Samaritan is used derisively many times in the Gospel narrations. After the Ascension of the Lord, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the woman of Samaria was baptized by the holy Apostles and became a great preacher and Martyr of Christ; she was called Photina, and her feast is kept on February 26.

Про Самарянку

В історії з самарянкою читаємо: «А треба було Йому переходити Самарією» (Йн 4, 4). Як кажуть біблісти, в оригіналі стоїть слово «мусив». Для Ісуса це не була випадкова дорога через Самарію і не випадкова зустріч. Ісус хотів пройти через Самарію та зустрітися з тією жінкою. Також і зараз Ісус перший хоче зустрічі з нами на молитві, бажає нашої відкритості на Нього та нашої любові.

Ісус ламає кордони, створені людьми. У цій ситуації Господь показує, що любов не залежить від походження людини чи історичних обставин і традицій. Він бажає зустрічі з кожним! Нехай жодні упередження стосовно себе чи наша гріховність не знеохочують нас, але навпаки, стимулюють звертатися до Бога в молитві.

Ті, які називатимуть Бога Отцем, зможуть поклонитися Йому в будь-якому місці, де захочуть. Їдучи, йдучи на роботу, чи під час прогулянки парком, удома перед іконою, чи в храмі перед Пресвятими Дарами — молитва не залежить від місця. Ісус спраглий нас Також в історії з самарянкою ми бачимо, що Ісус просить у жінки напитися води. У Катехизмі Католицької Церкви (2560) читаємо: «Коли б знала ти Божий дар! (Йн 4, 10)

Чудо молитви відкривається саме біля криниць, до яких ми приходимо, шукаючи води: тут Христос виходить назустріч кожній людині, Він перший шукає нас і Він — Той, Хто просить пити. Ісус спраглий, Його прохання йде з глибин Бога, що прагне нас. Молитва, знаємо ми це чи ні, є зустріччю Божої спраги з нашою спрагою. Бог спраглий, щоб ми були спраглі Його (пор. св. Григорій Назіянзький, Проповіді 40, 25; Св. Августин, Про вісімдесят три різні питання, 64, 4)». Бог спраглий нашої молитви. Бог прагне, щоб ми шукали час на молитву, щоб ми Його запрошували у життя, щоби взивали до Нього «Авва, Отче!».

Dear Parishioners,

We invite you to light the sanctuary candle.

Within our St. Basil's Church there are all kinds of signs. The beautiful windows, beautiful icons, pride of St. Basil Parish mosaic of Risen Christ behind the altar, and altar all point to something greater than themselves. Hanging in the sanctuary, near the tabernacle reserving the Blessed Sacrament, there burns a steady flame always communicating that Jesus Christ – body, blood, soul, and divinity – dwells here. The flickering flame represents the burning love which gave us such a sacrament. With a simple, faithful flame it proclaims Christ to those who look for His presence, whether during a visit or during Divine Liturgy, or when in desperate need of the consolation of Christ's presence.

"The Sanctuary Lamp is a wax candle, generally in a red glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return" (catholicculture.org).

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for 7 straight days before it is changed, usually it is changed on Sunday morning. There is only one requirement prescribed is that, the lamp be near the tabernacle fueled by oil or wax, and should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. It is also symbolic of God's instruction to Moses that a lamp filled with the pure oil should perpetually burn in the Tabernacle (Ex 27:20-21).

Would you like to light a sanctuary lamp in memory of a loved one or for a particular intention?

The lamps can be sponsored for a minimum recommended donation of $20 (call parish office).

The name of the sponsor for the week will be published in our parish bulletin.

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Basil's Parish is lit for

Blessings, Peace & Grace for the Sekora-Heath Families

Offered by Mary Ann Sekora

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